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1. There is attached a memorandum for the record summarizing in some detail the meetings regarding the termination of DTLINEN which took place in Berlin on 26 and 27 January 1959.

2. BOB, BONN, MOB: Unless already done, it is requested that USCOB, USBER, the Embassy and UPSWING be briefed on the decision and timing regarding the termination of DTLINEN.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meetings re DTLINEN on 26 and 27 January in Berlin

Meeting on 26 January 1959:

1. On 26 January [] met with [] in the DTLINEN safehouse. The meeting started at about 1715 hours and broke up at 1830 hours. The purpose of the meeting was to compare the CAWASH and KUBARK positions concerning the termination of DTLINEN prior to the full dress meeting which would include representatives of CAWASH, Berlin and UPSWING.

2. [] started off with a request for a status report. BOB had prepared an organizational chart which lists the number and names of DTLINEN employees still on the payroll. We ran quickly over this chart which, according to my memory, broke down as follows:

Hannover Office	:	2
Referenten	:	13
Administration	:	12
Search Service	:	8
Files	:	6
Fedrep Ballooning	:	3

for a total of 44. Of this number the two people in Hannover have already been given notice and the Hannover office will be deactivated as of 31 January 1959. [] was quite satisfied with the reduction of personnel which had been achieved during the last year. He then stated that he was prepared to take over the functions of the search service and a number of its personnel and that UPSWING was prepared to assume responsibility for the files and would, in addition, take over a limited number of persons from the remaining DTLINEN complement. He stated further that it was CAWASH's desire to terminate DTLINEN completely as soon as possible and when asked what dates he had in mind, he replied sometime around the 30th of June 1959. From the expression on his face it was obvious that he had another date in mind and when we explored this, he said that CAWASH would like it even better if DTLINEN could be terminated prior to 27 May 1959.

3. With this as a basis, we discussed in some detail the phasing and the timing of the various steps leading to the final termination of DTLINEN. It was agreed that [] and alias Gabler should be informed of the impending termination as soon as possible after agreement had been reached by all interested parties; that this briefing should be for the personal information of these three men only and that a more general briefing of the remaining staffers of DTLINEN would not take place until the activities within DTLINEN, such as the removal of the files, would make it inevitable to inform them. It was further agreed that KUBARK would undertake to evacuate the files and turn them over to UPSWING in the Munich area.

4. Some discussion was devoted to the present members of the DTLINEN "Verein". To the surprise of some of us, we discovered that the wife of [] the former secretary of [] are still members of the "Verein". It was the consensus that attempts should be made to persuade all three to resign their memberships prior to the Verein meeting which would officially have to vote the dissolution of DTLINEN. If the resignations of all three could not be achieved, we felt that at least [] must resign prior to the membership meeting, and Waidley stated that he foresaw no difficulties in getting this done.

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5. An additional point which was discussed in considerable detail concerned a suggestion originated by [] to attempt to minimize unfavorable press play in connection with the termination of DTLINEN. [] had suggested for presentation by [] that simultaneously with the beginning of the termination of DTLINEN the CAWASH office in Berlin call in the chief editors of all West Berlin papers and the Berlin correspondents of all major West German papers and give them the following line: Undoubtedly they have become aware or will become aware of activities within DTLINEN leading to its liquidation. This liquidation is in fact being carried out and in order to achieve it with minimum benefits for the East, they are being requested to play all stories regarding DTLINEN in low key. If one of the correspondents or editors should ask whether the Americans had agreed to this step, [] intended to have the CAWASH people answer that the Americans agreed. (We modified this reply later to state "that all interested offices [Instanzen] had been consulted". While this did not fool anybody, we did not want direct confirmation of American involvement in DTLINEN.) After considerable discussion of all pros and cons regarding [] proposal, we raised no objection in the end because we felt that this direct involvement of CAWASH could only be beneficial from our point of view, even if the press should not abide by the request to play DTLINEN stories in low key.

6. We ended the meeting with the KUBARK representatives stating that they would consider a timetable for the termination of DTLINEN which would then be the subject of discussion during the full meeting on 27 January 1959.

Internal KUBARK Meeting, Morning of 27 January 1959:

7. In the morning of 27 January 1959 [] and [] met to discuss further the details of the DTLINEN termination, with particular emphasis on legal requirements and considerations. For the purpose of this memorandum it is not necessary to describe the back and forth of the discussion, but it suffices to list the conclusions which were reached. We agreed (a) that the removal and transfer of the files should be accomplished before the "Verein" votes the dissolution; (b) that the balloon bases in the Federal Republic, its assets and personnel should be transferred to another legal entity prior to the "Verein" voting of the dissolution of DTLINEN. (We are exploring the possibility of transferring the balloon bases, its assets and personnel temporarily to AEVIRGIL, for lack of time for creating another cover immediately and because of the present uncertainty of their utilization. In order to avoid unnecessary difficulties, however, and in order to maintain the ballooning capabilities at least for the time being, a legal cover is required.); (c) that the remaining DTLINEN staffers should be briefed in general terms as to decisions taken without making it patently obvious that the membership meeting has nothing left to do but to rubber stamp the dissolution. In this briefing, all staffers will be told that proper settlements will be made with them and that wherever possible attempts are being made to obtain new employment for them; (d) that the press background briefing is to coincide with the actual removal of the files from DTLINEN premises; (e) that the membership meeting to vote dissolution of DTLINEN will take place in early March 1959 and the liquidation of DTLINEN should be accomplished to the greatest extent possible by 1 May 1959.

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8. We next discussed in some detail the legal charges which are pending against [] and DTLINEN as a whole. These charges break down into two broad categories:

a. the citizens' complaints against the use of poison, acids, and explosives, the falsification of DDR postage and ration stamps, the carrying of weapons for personal protection, and alleged murder;

b. perjury charges against [] and former secretary brought by [] and stemming from the trial of the latter.

As concerns the charges under a. above, the investigative file has been and is in possession of BOB, which actively stops further judicial activities. Regarding the charges under b., the West Berlin police by direction of the state prosecutor are interviewing a variety of people and have drawn a number of admissions, incriminating particularly [] Since we have no copy of the charges and our information concerning the police investigation is at best second-hand, we conclude and [] concurred that [] see State Prosecutor Kantor to discuss this case and to obtain details regarding it from him. [] will accompany Nemeth on that visit.

Meeting in Bundeshaus on 27 January 1959:

9. At 1500 hours on 27 January 1959 [] met in the Bundeshaus in Berlin with [], Dr. Kell, Rehlinger, and alias Emmerich. The meeting was supposed to be chaired by Dr. Gefaeller. However, he was otherwise occupied and we paid him a courtesy visit at the end of our meeting, informing him briefly of the agreements which had been reached. Including the meeting with Dr. Gefaeller, the session lasted until 1630 hours.

10. [] started off by informing us that against previous understanding, he had visited DTLINEN in the morning. (A fact of which the KUBARK members were already aware, since [] had called Waidley after [] had left.) The purpose of [] visit was to take a personal look at the Search Service. As a result he determined that his previous idea which had already been approved by [] to integrate the Search Service with another existing CAWASH installation could not be carried out. The amount of work and the entirely different methodology with which the work is being carried out make it necessary to maintain the Search Service and prisoner welfare activities as a separate entity. Therefore, [] proposed to continue these activities of DTLINEN under the auspices of CAWASH and with CAWASH funding. He estimated the yearly budget as between DM 60,000 and DM 70,000 and thought that he would have no difficulty in obtaining CAFALCATE's approval. (From our point of view the new [] proposal would have the advantage of the fact that all personnel presently in this particular DTLINEN section would also be taken over by CAWASH.)

11. [] then stated that UPSWING would take over the files and would probably also take over alias Gabler and his main assistant, who happens to be his mistress. There was some discussion whether UPSWING could or would take over the MIS specialist of DTLINEN. However, alias Emmerich stated that he was only competent to discuss the technical aspects of the file take-over, and [] ended that part of the discussion that we would negotiate these aspects through regular liaison channels.

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12. [] stated that the KUBARK representatives had discussed the details of the termination with the KUBARK legal advisor, and that as a result we proposed the following schedule:

a. Removal of the files; to take place in the second half of February 1959

b. Membership meeting to vote dissolution of DTLINEN in early March 1959.

[] said further that KUBARK would turn the files over to UPSWING in the Munich area after their evacuation via airplane. There ensued a somewhat lengthy and unnecessary discussion as to the preferred method of breaking the trail of the files from the DTLINEN Stammhaus to the Berlin Airport. Alias Emmerich who had sat silent during this whole back and forth among the other German participants, finally told [] that he was perfectly satisfied with the KUBARK proposal, to wit: The files will be crated in the Stammhaus, removed by DTLINEN trucks from there to a neutral place in Berlin. At the neutral place KUBARK drivers will take over and drive them to Tempelhof where they will be loaded on the waiting aircraft. (The fact that the plane will be a KUBARK plane was not revealed.) It was further agreed that closest coordination for this operation will be maintained in Berlin between BOB and alias Emmerich and BOB and Dr. Kell. (In turn [] will coordinate overall between BOB, MOB, and other affected German Station elements.)

13. [] then expressed KUBARK concurrence for the suggestion outlined in paragraph 5 above, stressing particularly the modification in regards to American approval. Both Dr. Kell and Rehlinger showed considerable misgivings regarding this proposal.

[] made the necessary rebuttals until Rehlinger brought up the point that the proposed press briefing would be in complete contradiction to [] previous public statements that CAWASH had nothing to do with DTLINEN. Glydwood took care of this argument by pointing out that there would be no contradiction since CAWASH could take the position that through its efforts DTLINEN was finally being terminated. [] agreed--much relieved since he had obviously been charged by [] to see that the press background briefing would take place. Dr. Kell suggested that [] should be invited to participate in the briefing. All agreed.

14. The last points of the discussion concerned agreement that the Beirut would be briefed on the decision to terminate DTLINEN, this briefing to be on an ears only basis. The remaining staffers are to be briefed when necessary, i.e. when such activities as crating the files make it quite obvious that the work of DTLINEN is really coming to an end. The briefing for the staffers is to be coordinated in advance between the Beirut, BOB and Dr. Kell. Similarly a statement that [] can give in reply to press queries is to be worked out between [] BOB and Dr. Kell. Finally, KUBARK assumed the responsibility of advising Dr. Kell early enough as to the date of removal of the files so that he has enough time left to synchronize the press briefing.

15. Dr. Kell agreed to inform [] of the decisions taken. (No problem with him or [] is expected, since [] has recently told Captuoft informally that an early closing down of DTLINEN would be welcome by the Senate. The major reason for this is undoubtedly that after a termination DTLINEN does not have to be mentioned in the forthcoming Senate report.) [] will do the same with [].

16. Almost while taking leave from the other participants of the meeting, Dr. Kell told us that he had just received a court request to allow Germer, who has offered himself as witness, to testify in the perjury investigation against alias Baermann.

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